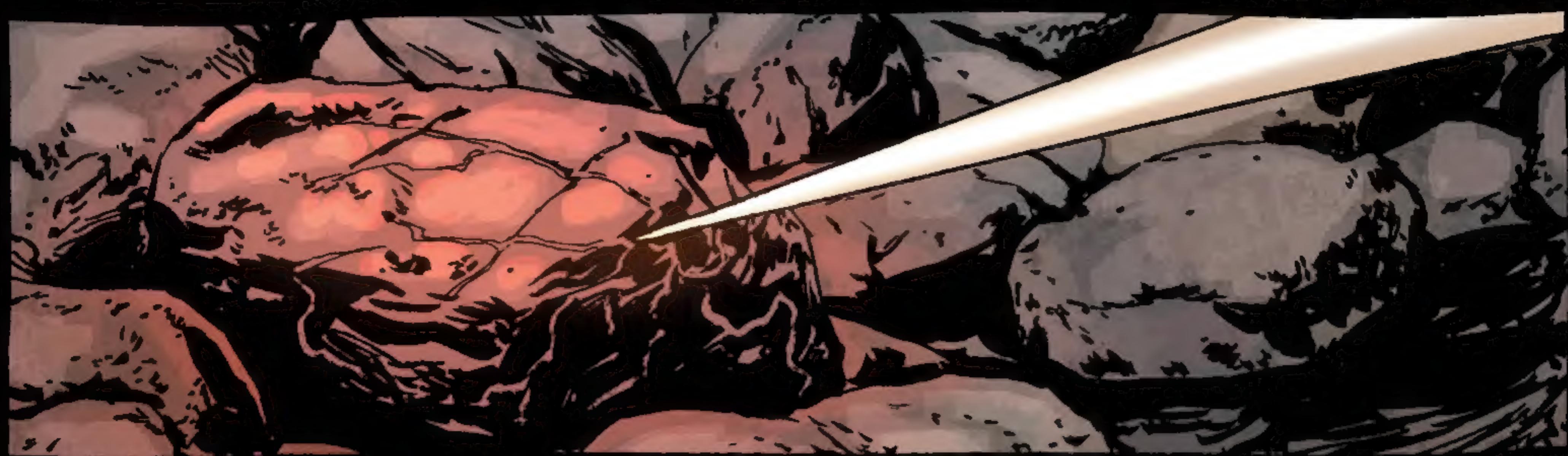


HEROES

CHAPTER 111

PLAYING WITH FIRE

Meredith Gordon and her brother Flint have lead a checkered life. Meredith has lost and found her daughter Claire Bennet. She's most recently allied herself as a Company Agent. Flint has become a career criminal and now is in league with Arthur's Pinehearst Company. What does it take to set a character on the road to being a Hero, or the road to being a Villain...



WTW FIVE
YEARS AGO

PLAYING WITH FIRE

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YOU BETTER
FINISH YOUR
CHORES BEFORE
DADDY GETS
HOME.

AWW...
COME ON,
MEREDITH.
I WAS JUST
TRYING TO HAVE
SOME FUN.

NOW.

YOU GET
ALL THEM
CHORES
DONE?

I ASKED
YOU A QUESTION,
JUNIOR.

YOU EVEN
LISTENING TO
ME, BOY?!

WE GOTTA DO
THIS EVERY
NIGHT?
I HAVE
TO TAKE MY
BELT TO YOU--
FOR YOU TO
LISTEN?!

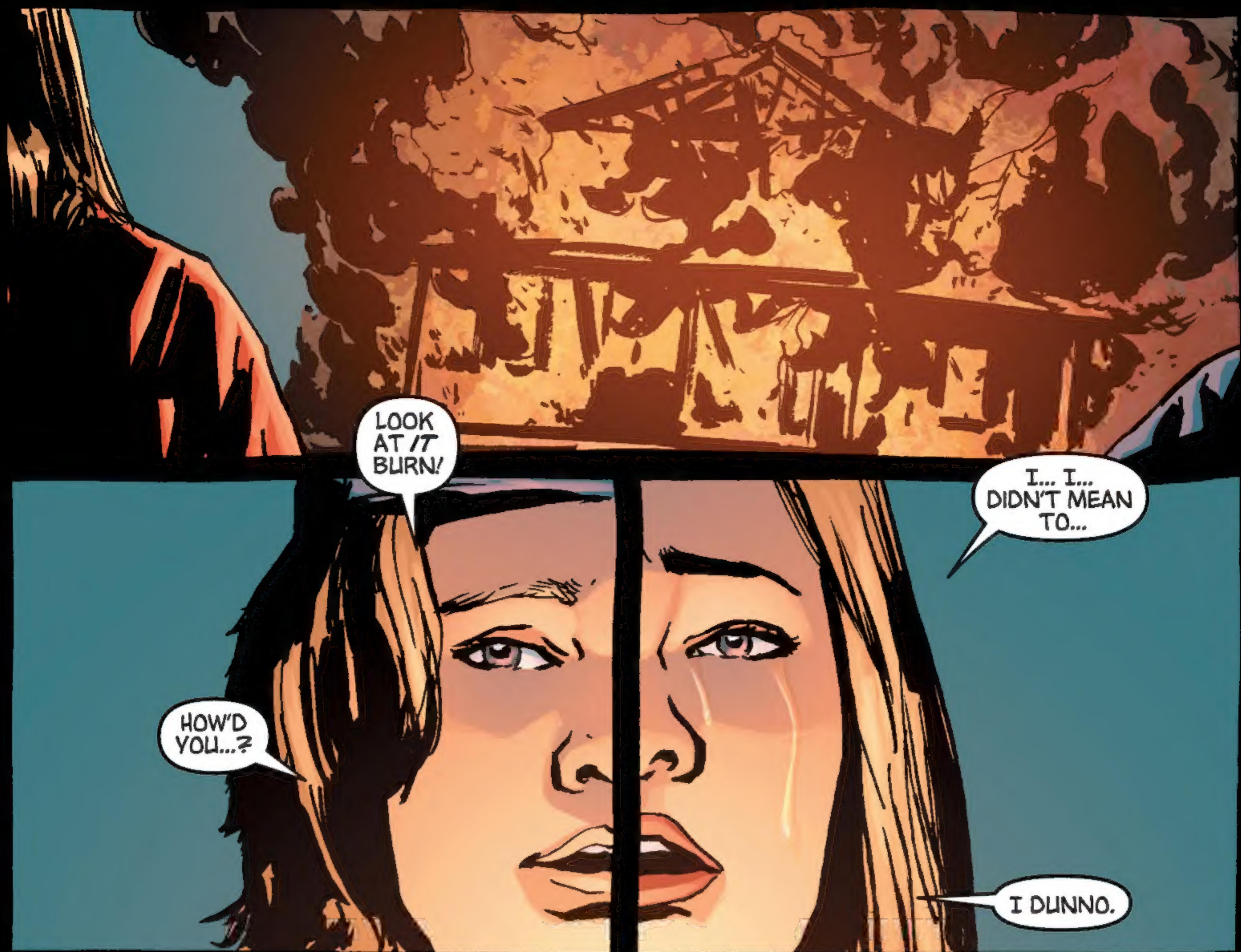
PLEASE DADDY
JUST GO TO BED.
I'LL FINISH 'EM IN
THE MORNING.

AIN'T YOUR
PLACE TO
MAKE UP FOR
HIS SLACKIN',
GIRL.

STOP
IT!



LEAVE HIM
ALONE!



I KNOW IT'S HARD
FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND,
BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
WE DECIDED IT BEST TO PLACE YOU
IN DIFFERENT HOMES. IT'S FOR
YOUR OWN GOOD.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY I CAN'T
SEE HIM!

THERE ARE
SOME THINGS YOU
JUST CAN'T FIGHT DEAR.
I'M SO SORRY. NOW TRY
AND GET SOME SHUTEYE.

I WANT MY
BROTHER!

THE YEARS
PASS...

...LIKE BRUSHFIRE
IN A DROUGHT.

EVENTUALLY, SIMPLY WRITTEN
OFF AS UNGRATEFUL...

EIGHTEEN
YEARS AGO.

I'VE WAITED
SEVEN YEARS FOR
THIS! LOOK AGAIN.
GORDON, G O R...

HELD SO TIGHT I
THOUGHT I'D DROWN...

REJECTING THE ONLY
GENUINE AFFECTION
I'M SHOWN...

LAST NAMES
CHANGE, FAMILIES
MOVE COUNTIES, WE
LOSE TRACK OF KIDS.
I'M SORRY.

I'M SICK OF
EVERYONE APOLOGIZING.
I NEED TO FIND MY
BROTHER!

AND THEN,
JUST WHEN YOU
LOSE HOPE...

MINOR DETAINED AS SUSPECT FOR
ROBBERY AND ARSON SPREE ACROSS
VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS,
MARYLAND.
F T BAIL BONDS

WELL,
KNOCK ME DOWN
AND STEAL MY
TEETH! MEREDITH?!
YOU POSTED MY
BAIL?

BABY BROTHER!
YOU KNOW HOW LONG
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU?

HOT DAMN!
YOU SURE
GREW UP...

I'M STILL
YOUR SISTER,
FLINT. DON'T
BE CRUDE.

HEY, MERE.
LOOK WHAT
I CAN DO!

I'VE BEEN
PRACTICING
REAL HARD, LIKE
YOU TOL' ME. SEE,
I CAN MAKE IT
EXTRA HOT!

WHY ON
GOD'S GREEN
EARTH WOULD YOU
WANNA PRACTICE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

WHY
NOT?

AWWW,
SHOOT. NOW
WHY D'YOU
LOOK SO
GLUM?

COME ON,
MERE-- LOOK AT
ALL THESE SAILORS.
THOUGHT THAT MAKES
GIRLS LIKE YOU ALL
WEAK IN THE
KNEES?

SOMETIMES YOU LOOK SO
LONG, PEOPLE AREN'T
WHO YOU WANT THEM TO
BE ONCE YOU FIND THEM.

LET'S CELEBRATE,
CAUSE SOME TROUBLE!
BROTHER AND SISTER
TOGETHER AGAIN.

GUESS
A LIL' DRINKING
NEVER HURT.

DOESN'T MEAN I'M GONNA
STOP LOOKING, JUST TIME
TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE...

END